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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to pledge my support for settling the Microsoft antitrust case as soon as possible. I am convinced that Microsoft was within their rights in regard to the matter of how they handled the Internet Explorer software. I know that their vision of the importance of Internet Explorer to the future of computing may not be grasped by everyone, but as a software professional I feel that I may have a more intimate view of what the decision makers at Microsoft had in mind when they made their decisions regarding Internet Explorer.

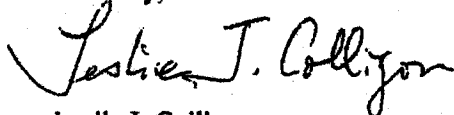
I believe that Microsoft has been unfairly persecuted by the Justice system. If there can be any blame placed on Microsoft, I believe that it lies only in the fact that Microsoft did a very poor job in presenting their vision in court relating to the decision-making regarding Internet Explorer. However, since I do not believe that this issue should ever have gone to court in the first place, I sincerely believe that any blame lies with the decision makers in Washington D.C.

I do not believe that the settlement is fair to Microsoft, but I am not strongly opposed to Microsoft accepting the settlement. I believe that the Justice department should do likewise and get this issue behind all of us. This whole matter has been an expensive lesson for all parties concerned, but in the end it is the taxpayer who is footing the bill.

While I do have a whole lot more to say on this issue, this letter is not the place as I am certain that it would only go unread. Perhaps some day after I retire, I will write a book on why Microsoft's decisions on matters relating to Internet Explorer were simply sound, logical business decisions and were in the best interest of the computing community and of the country. I suspect, however, that time will demonstrate to the world the validity of what I already know and that there will not be any reason for writing such a book as Microsoft's vision will become self-evident as their vision is fulfilled.

I encourage you to settle the case as soon as possible and stop any further litigation so that everyone can get on with more important matters.

Sincerely,



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